

## THE COCONINO SUN.

THE resignation of Dr. J. M. Ford as chairman of the territorial Republican central committee is cheerfully accepted by the republicans of the territory, their only regret is that it did not come eighteen months sooner.

THE communication on the subject of water works in this issue is worth perusal by our citizens. The question of water supply for Flagstaff should be the one of paramount interest to every citizen. The columns of the SUN are open to any one for discussion or suggestion upon the subject.

BROWN canvas uniforms have been ordered for the troops operating in the Gulf states and who are expected to go to Cuba. The material is to be light; the hat will be broad-brimmed and turned up at one side; the outfit will be complete with leggings which will regularly form part of the uniform.

THERE is a good deal of talk about raising a regiment of cow boys in Arizona. The SUN has a pretty good acquaintance among the cow boys of the territory and does not believe that there are half a thousand of them within its confines. However, there are several thousand so-called cow boys in the territory who would in event of war, make good targets for the Spanish rifles.

THE question of issuing bonds for water works and sewerage was submitted to the people of Prescott on Tuesday last. There were 404 votes cast in favor of the proposition and 9 votes against it. It is said that the issue of \$150,000 in bonds can readily be sold. The decision of the voters will add much to the prosperity of the city and already a dozen citizens have announced their intention to build substantial brick buildings.

## THE WAR NOW ON.

### Uncle Sam's War Ships Ordered to Blockade Cuban Ports

The president sent his ultimatum to Spain on Thursday. It gave Spain until Saturday to answer and evacuate Cuba. Spain, however, did not wait for the note but gave our minister to that country his passports and all diplomatic relations are at an end between the United States and Spain.

The refusal of Spain is considered to be a declaration of war and that no declaration of war will be made by this country, although such declaration will no doubt be made later.

The new army bill has been passed by congress and a call for 80,000 volunteers will be made.

The squadron at Key West has left for Havana and orders will be issued blockading certain ports in Cuba.

Yesterday the U. S. cruiser Nashville captured the Spanish merchant ship Buena Ventura 17 miles off Key West.

New Mexico's apportionment of the 80,000 volunteers to be called for by president McKinley will be 218. Arizona's quota is 116 and Colorado's 849.

It is presumed that the Spanish fleet has left the Canary Islands.

Secretary Alger says more than a million men have offered their services in the war with Spain.

Dispatches received at Washington from all points in the United States indicate that the entire country is ablaze with patriotic satisfaction over the departure of Captain Sampson's fleet for Cuba which means the beginning of hostilities.

Postmaster General Gary has resigned from the cabinet on account of ill health, and Charles Emory Smith has been appointed in his place.

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